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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1-2. (Cancelled)
3. (Currently Amended) Method according to claim ~~33~~ 35, wherein the acrylate-containing dispersion or mixture contains water, wherein acrylate particles are dispersed.
- 4-5. (Cancelled)
6. (Currently Amended) Method according to claim ~~33~~ 35, wherein the paper is de-aerated before the acrylate-containing dispersion or mixture comprising the at least one color pigment is pressed into the paper.
7. (Currently Amended) Method according to claim ~~33~~ 35, wherein the impregnated paper has a weight of 40 g/m².
8. (Previously Presented) Method of manufacturing a tile comprising pressing a laminate system, wherein the laminate system comprises impregnated paper manufactured in accordance with claim ~~33~~ 35 and a carrier, with the application of heat.
9. (Previously Presented) Method of manufacturing a tile according to claim 8, wherein the laminate system includes a decorated or patterned paper onto which a mixture of amino resin and abrasion-resistant particles is applied before said pressing step.

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10. (Previously Presented) Method of manufacturing a tile according to claim 9, wherein fibers, spheres, or a combination thereof are applied to the abrasion-resistant particles before said pressing step.

11-18. (Cancelled)

19. (Previously Presented) Method according to claim 3, wherein the acrylate particles comprise a resin.

20. (Previously Presented) Method according to claim 19, wherein the resin is an amino resin.

21. (Cancelled)

22. (Currently Amended) Method according to claim ~~33~~ 35, wherein the dispersion or mixture is distributed on the roller with a doctor blade.

23. (Previously Presented) Method according to claim 6, wherein the paper is steeped on one side in the acrylate-containing dispersion or mixture.

24. (Previously Presented) Method according to claim 9, wherein the mixture of amino resin and abrasion-resistant particles is applied by spraying.

25. (Previously Presented) Method according to claim 10, wherein the fibers, spheres, or combination thereof are made of polyester, polyamide or glass.

26-34. (Cancelled)

35. (New) Method of manufacturing a decorating paper for a tile, comprising the steps of pressing an acrylate-containing dispersion or mixture into the decorating paper by rollers, wherein the acrylate-containing dispersion or mixture is applied to at least one roller and wherein

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the paper weight amounts to at least 15 grams per square metre [g/m^2] and does not exceed an upper limit of 60 grams per square meter.

36. (New) Paper produced in accordance with claim 35.